Sandy Island

1986

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SANDY ISLAND CAMP
LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

OWNED AND OPERATED BY
THE GREATER BOSTON Y.M.C.A.

OUR 88TH YEAR

THE 1986 SEASON

The 1986 season at Sandy Island was a very interesting one. We had a summer of unsettled weather, with rain almost every weekend, a staff that was a mixture of youth and long-term experience, and a very full camp.

In this report I will touch upon all of the major happenings of the summer. The Todaros spent their 27th summer on Lake Winnipesaukee, and their 4th at Sandy Island. Although we all worked very hard, it was one of our most productive summers in terms of what we accomplished and the total number of people that came to enjoy Sandy Island. In spite of the discouraging weekend weather, all the weeks but the 5th had mostly sunshine, and the Sandy Spirit seems to live on.

Grains of Sandy

In the winter and spring we published the off-season Grains of Sandy and sent it to all campers on our mailing list. I believe it was well received and we reached everyone with a little bit of Sandy before the season. The paper was an effort of a Camp Committee sub-committee, edited mainly by Sue Clement, with help from contributing writers Matt Espinola, Betty Anderson and others. During the coming year we plan to publish three issues and we are encouraging input from many campers.

Reunions

The Annual Reunion was expanded this year to include one held in New York at the White Plains Hotel for our campers from the New York, New Jersey, southern Connecticut area. About 35 people gathered for dinner and dancing with Bob Patterson. The traditional Reunion at Woburn was a tremendous success, with a delicious dinner and

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Tracy Carlsten - Waterfront
Kathy Stucchi - Office & Store
Carol Stucchi - Kitchen
Cindy Manna - CAVE Program
Cole Howard - Jr.-Teen Program
Kathy Blackwell - Office
Tracy Johnson - Kindercare & Store
Scott Arnold - Crew Chief
Gary Patch - Crew Chief
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Little Red Schoolhouse program.

Many thanks and appreciation go to all of our fine staff people for all of their hard work and effort in making Sandy Island a wonderful camp.

Program

The program at Sandy continues to be one of the strengths in attracting people here. We have continued to attempt to make it even better. This year we expanded the CAVE program for 6-7-8 year olds by moving it to 9-12 in the morning, and by hiring a full time person to run it. We also had Brian supervise both the Jr. Teen and the CAVE program. They did some activities together, and they also benefitted from Brian's skills in music and in the talent shows. We think that it was a better program this year, and all age groups were served equally well.

We continued to offer Aerobics, with Kris Carlsten leading the program in the afternoons. This too seemed to go well.

Our outstanding programs are:

The Waterfront
Crafts
Tennis
The Childrens' Programs

However, the most unique program of all is our offering of evening dances led by Bob Patterson.

The one weakness in our scheduling this year was the evening program, especially Saturday and Sunday evenings. We are going to look into our evening schedule more closely and hope we can make it better. Everyone feels that we need a social event on Saturday where campers can mix, say "hello" to their old friends and meet

the families who are new to Sandy.

Docking

In the middle of the summer we came to realize more and more the impact of Harilla becoming a Yacht Club and what a dock condo is. We lost our rental dock and never had the opportunity to decide whether to keep it or not. Evidently we weren't wanted at Harilla.

During the summer we explored four options.

1. Going to Union Wharf and using the Tuftonboro town dock.
2. Accepting an offer to lease/purchase a dock and parking lot at Trexler's Marina.
3. Building a dock and operating out of North Woods Camp, our boys' camp on the other side of Cow Island.
4. Remaining at Harilla and working out of the Public Dock as best we can, and continue to lease the parking lot.

We engaged a realtor from Wolfeboro to help us locate some land for parking at Union Wharf. At this time nothing seems available. Without parking, we cannot possibly use Union Wharf. Option I is not now feasible for '87.

We received an offer from a group at Trexler's to lease or purchase a 30-foot dock and to have an acre parking lot included. The first year purchase price is $90,000 and goes up considerably each year. The parking lot is ½ to 3/4 mile away. There would be no drop-off parking and it would all have to be approved by their condo group. The boat trip is well over 30 minutes in the Big Sandy. So it's too expensive, there are too many problems with parking, a drop-off shuttle, one-boat parking and condo approval. This plan is rejected for '87.

Option 3 is being approached in stages. We are building a permanent dock at North Woods to be used by Sandy for pre and post-season weekly docking. If Sandy cannot make it work at Harilla during the camping season, North Woods would petition the state to have us build a Sandy dock at the southeast portion of their property and would sell Sandy 100 feet of shore frontage and the land to build a road and parking lot. We will attempt to use Harilla landing next summer and see if it can work, and also see if we can have another post and steps added so we can dock two boats at the same time.

So in 1987 we will use a combination of option 3 and 4. We hope it works.

Remodeling of Kitchen

Another serious problem came up this summer in the Kithcen. The state inspection team from the Water Pollution Department did not like our kitchen. It is a combination of poor design and beat-up equipment and an overall dirty condition. So we are proposing to redesign and remodel the kitchen and to purchase a new stove, grille, and fryolator. We also plan to remove everything and completely rebuild the floor. At this time estimates are:

Kitchen floor linoleum installed		$1500
Kitchen equipment		4500
	Total	$6000

We have budgeted for this to be done next spring. We hope to use this and the sanding and refinishing of the dining room floor as our major projects on work weekends.

1986
PRE-SEASON AND POST-SEASON GROUPS

This year we expanded the use of the camp by including 7 pre-season and post-season groups. Sandy Island continues to serve the needs of more diverse groups each year.

This year the groups were:

June 21-22	International YMCA group	94 people
	Marcia & Clarence Farwell Anniversary group	34 people
June 24-28	Suzuki Camp Music Group	70 people
Sept. 6-7	Catholic & Lutheran Church Singles groups	72 people
Sept. 13-14	Westgate Church Retreat	172 people
Oct. 4-5	Concord Fellowship Group of Grace Chapel	40 people
Oct. 11-12-13	Octoberfest Weekend	175 people

Total number of people 657

Total gross income from these groups $31,363

1986 SANDY ISLAND CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

1.	Tore down the old Menagerie and rebuilt the new Menagerie	$6781.
2.	Put in new septic system at Menagerie	300.
3.	Built new cabin, Sunset View, for the chef on the west side with new complete septic system	5331.
4.	Painted all the camper cabin porches on the north and south sides.	60.
5.	Cut up and split all the trees downed by Hurricane Gloria.	78.
6.	Built a deck on the waterfront for Menagerie	N/C
7.	Worked on the surface of the basketball court	N/C
8.	Refinished the deck and woodwork on the Little Sandy	60.
9.	Had the Little Sandy motor completely overhauled; had new transmission parts installed	2200.
10.	Re-planked the North Dock with pressure-treated lumber	995.
11.	Built new playground element for the Little Red Schoolhouse	430.
12.	Had complete motor job done on the ski boat and a new propeller	2426.
13.	Purchased new sailboard	559.
14.	Purchased new beds, mattresses and bureaus for Menagerie	1700
15.	Purchased 9 dozen sheets, 6 dozen pillowcases and 3 dozen pillows	445.
16.	Purchased new rowboat	640.
17.	Purchased new outboard 25 hp. motor for SICIF Skiff	1188.
18.	Purchased new toaster for the Kitchen	475.
19.	Refinished all the round tables in the dining hall and resurfaced the rest of the rectangular tables	160.
20.	Purchased new wall lamps for the camper cabins.	400.
21.	Purchased 2 new pumps for the camp septic system	775.
22.	Put up two more rolls of tennis court fencing, and saved one roll for '87	630.
23.	Rebuilt septic system at the Hostel	130.
24.	Received donated typewriter from Don Babson	N/C

25.	Purchased used lawnmower for the ball field	$125.
26.	Purchased 50 videotaped movies for the camp Program	537.
27.	Made 43 curtain panels for camper cabins	750.
28.	Had new Sandy Island pennants made for Big and Little Sandy, and purchased new mounts	40.
29.	Rebuilt coffee machine in the dining room with all new parts	143.
30.	Put backs on the Chapel benches	SICIF
31.	Made and installed 4 more moorings	270.
32.	Repaired baker's 60 quart mixer with a new shaft	120.
33.	Purchased popcorn machine for the Store	366.
34.	Purchased 2 new cribs	78.
35.	Purchased 2 motors for Aqua Therms	735.
36.	Designed and had printed 5000 new brochures	2375.

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 1987

1. Shingle roof of the Lodge porch
2. Put new floor in Store
3. Bring in brush chipper on a barge and remove brush - 2 days work
4. Bring on bulldozer on the same barge to dig hole to bury metal dump
5. Refinish dining room floor
6. Redo kitchen floor
7. Purchase new Range, Grille and Fryolator for the Kitchen
8. Build Shelter roof over the bocce courts
9. Purchase second-hand Jeep 1600 ~~1500~~
10. Purchase second-hand cargo van 3200
11. Purchase chairs for Lodge porch 51c1F
12. Deck Waterfront area
13. Purchase chaise longues for deck 51c1F 2820
14. Paint rest of cabin porches, mainly on the north side
15. Purchase ~~100~~ 5 new blankets @ 10 - Brown
16. Purchase about ~~3~~ 10 ~~dozen~~ mattresses for travelling beds @ 30 =
17. Purchase 10 bureaus for camper cabins @ 80 -
18. Stone dust for the basketball court and lights for evening use
19. Purchase new PA system for the dining hall. 346
20. Redo Lava - (new hot water heater)
21. [illegible]
22. [illegible]
23. New Septic Tank Beach Lava - ~~300~~ 700

1986 CAMPER ATTENDANCE

TOTAL CAMPER 5 YEAR COMPARISON CHART

Week	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
First	149	150	147	154	176
Second	149	152	161	149	174
Third	143	149	158	147	165
Fourth	150	157	166	166	166
Fifth	163	154	161	161	176
Sixth	170	;64	167	172	184
Seventh	175	169	176	172	183
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Ninth	137	143	159	156	155
LDW	157	136	156	147	168
OFW				160	164
Total Attendance	1556	1538	1619	1596	1894
Total Diff. Camp.	1324	1373	1418	1278	1848

Total Attendance 1894 Total Different Campers: 1848

Total Camper Units: 537

CAMPER UNIT BY STATE

Massachusetts	340	Maryland	6
New York	48	Rhode Island	8
New Jersey	27	Virginia	10
Connecticut	41	Vermont	2
Pennsylvania	8	Delaware	3
Ohio	5	Florida	8
New Hampshire	19	Tennesee	1
Maryland	6	Illinois	1
		Other	12

1985 CAMPER AGE DISTRIBUTION

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	LDW	OFW	Total
AGES:												
2 & under	12	11	7	9	13	12	11	15	6	13	9	118
2 - 6	16	13	13	13	15	10	14	15	26	10	24	169
6 - 8	18	14	14	8	16	10	15	6	5	7	15	118
9 - 12	17	25	15	11	9	12	14	20	11	9	13	156
Adult (13 +)	111	111	116	125	123	140	129	129	107	129	103	1,323

Total Campers: 1,894

FEE STRUCTURE

A. CAMPER REGISTRATION		Weekly	LDW	OFW
TEEN/ADULT	(13+)	$200	$85	$70
JUNIOR	(10 - 12)	155	65	50
	(7 - 9)	125	55	35
	(4 - 6)	90	45	30
CHILDREN	(6 mos. - 3)	55	25	N/C

B. DAILY RATES

13 & up	10 - 12	7 - 9
First/Add'l	First/Add'l	First/Add'l
$39 / $33	$33/ $28	$30 / $25

4 - 6	Up to 3
First/Add'l	First/Add'l
$25 / $20	$20 / $15

C. VISITORS TO ISLAND

One person: $5.00 Family Unit Maximum: $15.00

(Includes shuttle boats and use of facilities, no meals)

D. MEALS ($1 off for children under 6)

Morning	$4.00	Evening	$8.00
Afternoon	$5.00	Fri. & Sunday dinner	$10.00

1984 - 1986

COMPARISON

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Week 2	24,609	23,630	28,442
Week 3	24,003	25,699	28,668
Week 4	25,373	26,772	28,877
Week 5	24,575	24,800	28,649
Week 6	26,239	27,170	31,774
Week 7	26,220	27,053	31,540
Week 8	26,070	26,413	33,775
Week 9	23,316	24,555	27,320
LDW	9,592	9,920	12,605
Income from meals, taxis, etc.	2,765	1,150	1,500
Octoberfest Weekend		6,600	9,410
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